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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2801

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR BNDD SAIC SALMI

REF: TEHRAN 6101, OCT 9, 1972

1. EMBASSY HAS RAISED NO OBJECTION TO SALMI TRANSFER IN JULY. DEFERRAL OF HIS TRANSFER, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1972, ESTABLISHED THE CONTINUITY OF BNDD PRESENCE HERE NEEDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSE INFORMAL RELATIONS WITH IRANIAN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ON HIS REPLACEMENT.

2. LAST YEAR IN REFTEL AND OTHER MESSAGES WE MADE CLEAR OUR BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE NO GAP IN COVERAGE OF TEHRAN OFFICE. ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND LIKELIHOOD SMALL THAT NOLAN WILL BE CALLED BACK TO US FOR COURT DUTY, POSSIBILITY NONETHELESS EXISTS THAT THAT OR OTHER OPERATIONS REASONS WILL REQUIRE HIM TO BE OUT OF TEHRAN FOR EXTENDED PERIOD BEFORE SALMI REPLACEMENT ARRIVES. PROBLEM THIS WOULD CAUSE WILL BE COMPOUNDED BY ABSENCE OF EXPERIENCED ACJD SECRETARY FOR 6-8 WEEK MEDICAL LEAVE STARTING JUNE 27.

3. WE UNDERSTAND PROBLEM REORGANIZATION OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY CAUSES IN PERSONNEL PLANNING. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION THAT URGENCY IS BEING ATTACHED TO NAMING SALMI REPLACEMENT AND INFORMATION SOONEST ON HIS NAME FOR
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AMBASSADOR' S CONSIDERATION AND LIKELY ETA.

4. FAMILIARITY WITH WORK OVERSEAS AND DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO
WORK SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM
CONTINUE TO BE MAJOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT.
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